take to effectively check terrorist acts in Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Following the recent talks between the Union Home Secretary and the Interior Secretary of Pakistan, both sides agreed to take concrete measures to contain terrorism, drug trafficking and smuggling and illicit border crossings along the India Pakistan border.

(b) Does not arise.

Clearance of Vamsadhara Stage-II Project

280. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1101 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1989 and state :

(a) whether Government have accorded clearance to the major irrigation projects of Jurala and Vamsadhara Stage-II in Andhra Pradesh ; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for withholding their clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) These projects have not yet been cleared for want of clearance by the Department of Environment and Forests. In addition, concurrence of the Government of Orissa is necessary for Vamsadhara Project Stage-II.

Tax Research Unit of Ministry of Finance

281. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that a study was conducted by the Finance Ministry's tax research unit regarding tax evasion ;

(b) if so, what is the estimated amount of tax evasion by the corporate sector during 1988-89.

(c) what amount is involved in disputes during the same period ; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to recover the massive tax evasion by the corporate sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) and (b) No study regarding tax evasion has been conducted by Tax Research Unit of the Ministry of Finance.

(c) As on 1-6-1989 Central Excise dues of Rs. 2047.94 crores are tied up in cases pending in High Courts/Supreme Court.

(d) The Government takes effective, preventive punitive and legislative measures as considered necessary from time to time to prevent tax evasion.

Persons killed in Assam by Bodo Extremists

282. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of persons killed in Assam by the Bodo extremists during the last six months so far; and